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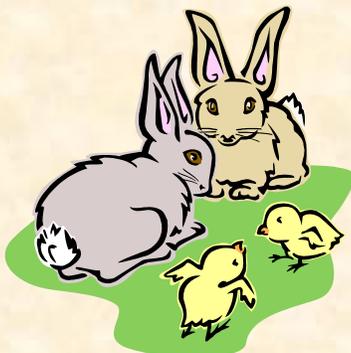
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### SOWINGS

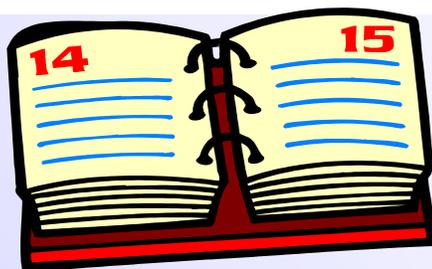
By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Well, the librarian hubbub concerning Harper Collins' decision to limit libraries' eBook lending to 26 check outs even made it to Billings, Montana, where several hundred librarians were gathered for the Mountain Plains Library Association/Montana Library Association (MPLA/MLA) joint conference that took place last week. At the closing luncheon, during a skyped presentation with author Adriana Trigiani (*Big Stone Gap*), Trigiani, whose books just happen to be published via Harper Collins, quipped: "You're (librarians) the ultimate ball busters of all time. Please forgive them (Harper Collins) – they're fixing it. You've scared the pants off those people." It would seem that a dialogue has at least begun between librarians and Harper Collins. The Connecticut Library Consortium organized a symposium – *eBooks: Collections at the Crossroads*, where Josh Marwell, president of sales for Harper Collins, said to librarians, "We're here because we want to have a dialog with your community. You're very important to us, you've been important to us for a very long time. I don't think our commitment has ever wavered to the library channel." (*Library Journal*, April 5, 2011 – *HarperCollins Executive Calls Circulation Cap a "Work in Progress"* by Michael Kelley)

The 26-loan cap on Library eBooks started March 7<sup>th</sup> and, as Francine Fialkoff, Editor-in-Chief, of *Library Journal* said in the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 issue: "...has provoked the most widespread, vociferous reaction among public librarians to any vendor policy in recent memory..." The reaction has included posting of the *eBook User's Bill of Rights* by Sarah Houghton-Jan, assistant director for the San Rafael Public Library, on her *Librarian in Black* blog (librarianinblack.net). It's also provoked Brett Bonfield, director of the Collingswood Public Library (NJ), and Gabriel Farrell, a library systems developer at Drexel University, to launch a library boycott (boycottharpercollins.com) on buying books or eBooks from Harper Collins until the cap is lifted.



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# CALENDAR

April 2011

**April** – School Library Month - <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aasliissues/slm/schoollibrary.cfm>

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** Celebrate National Library Week - <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek/index.cfm>

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Exeter Public Library – starting at 10 a.m. We'll share information on ordering materials online via vendors like Amazon and Ingram. We also encourage you to choose a title from the RUSA Reading List ([www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/awards/readinglist/index.cfm)) from the Women's Fiction genre. You can read the winner – *Solomon's Oak* by Jo-Ann Mapson, or one from the short list: *The Girl Who Chased the Moon* by Sarah Addison Allen, *The Language of Sand* by Ellen Block, *The Love Goddess' Cooking School* by Melissa Senate or *Vintage Affair* by Isabel Wolff. Or if you're still not tempted, try one of the Read-Alikes: *Shelter Me* by Juliette Fay, *The Second Coming of Lucy Hatch* by Marsha Moyer or *The Blessings of the Animals* by Katrina Kittle. We'll finish up with a round robin discussion where you can share ideas, questions, and goings-on at your library. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline for submitting votes for the 2011 Golden Sower Awards. Go to: [www.goldensower.org/nugget/voting/vote.htm](http://www.goldensower.org/nugget/voting/vote.htm) and click on the link for the "on-line voting tally sheet." Winning titles will be announced on May 1, 2011.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – NLA PLTS Spring Meeting in Seward with guest presenter – Michael Sullivan.

See <http://www.readaloudnebraska.org/sullivan.htm> for details.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Power of Word-of-Mouth Marketing and The Marketing/Communication Gymnasium with Peggy Barber, from 10 to 4, at the Country Inn & Suites (5353 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln) – with lunch provided. For more information and to register (no charge) go to: [www.nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=10425](http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=10425).

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting and SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards. See page 5.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** Children's Book Week – the national celebration of books and reading for youth. Celebrated since 1919 – [www.bookweekonline.com/about](http://www.bookweekonline.com/about).

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Library Journal's ninth free Design Institute in Minneapolis – cohosted with the Hennepin County Library - [www.libraryjournal.com/lj/articlereview/889331-457/story.csp](http://www.libraryjournal.com/lj/articlereview/889331-457/story.csp).

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Technical Services Round Table (TSRT) Spring Meeting on the proposed cataloging rules, Resource Description & Access (RDA) with UNL Librarian, Margaret Mering, from 8:30 to 4:40 p.m. at Creighton University. Register at: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/>.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Training Extravaganza at Beatrice High School, see pages 12-13.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – ELS/SELS Spring Colloquium with Dr. J. Rufus Fears. See page 3.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – C&U/ITART Spring Meeting – The Next Step: Creating the Library of the Future at Union College. Includes a presentation by ACRL President, Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe – Engagement, Experimentation & Entrepreneurship, and Amy Mather from Omaha Public Library on Reengaging the Lost Patron. For more information go to: [www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/).

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Nebraska Book Festival For more information on the Nebraska Book Festival see: <http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov> and [www.facebook.com/NebraskaBookFestival](http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaBookFestival).

**June 17<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Seward Memorial Library – starting at 9 a.m. This is our annual CASTL meeting where you have the opportunity to review all the books in the primary big list for the Golden Sower 2012-2013. We'll also have book reviews by a panel of readers from the Intermediate Golden Sower big list for 2012-2013. There will also be time to network with your colleagues from schools and public – so hope you'll plan to join us.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – ALA in New Orleans – [www.alaannual.org](http://www.alaannual.org).

**July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** - Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, see pages 14-15 for details.

# SPRING COLLOQUIUM

Presented by Eastern & Southeast Library Systems

## The Price of Change: Are We at Risk of Losing our Heritage?

**May 19th**  
**Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Yankee Hill Rooms 1 & 2

- 5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour with cash bar
- 6:30 - 7:30 Dinner with your choice of:

*Windsor Pork Loin*—with cherry rhubarb sauce  
*Stuffed Orange Roughy*— with Brown Bay sauce  
*Champagne Pasta*—with vegetables tossed in light champagne sauce

- 7:30 - 8:30 Presentation by Dr. Fears
- 8:30 - 9:30 Time for questions and discussion



Dr. J. Rufus Fears, the David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma, is an acclaimed teacher and scholar with 25 awards for teaching excellence. University of Oklahoma students have named him Professor of the Year three times. He regularly appears on national television and radio programs and has written several books. For more information, go to [drfears.com](http://drfears.com)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send registration and \$40 by **May 13th** to:

Southeast Library System  
 5730 R. St, Ste. C-1  
 Lincoln, NE 68505  
 Fax: (402)467-6196

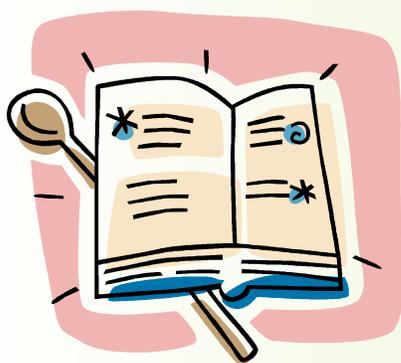
**Select:**

- Windsor Pork Loin
- Stuffed Orange Roughy
- Champagne Pasta

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission. Partial funding also provided by the Nebraska Library Association and Bellevue University.

## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Spring has finally arrived and that can only mean one thing – it's time for **Aged to Perfection!** The SELS Friends Board hopes that many Southeast Library System supporters can join us this year at the James Arthur Vineyards for a fun-filled evening. See the registration flyer on the facing page, or at <http://selsfriends.org/aged11.pdf>, for details. **You must register by April 22** as a meal count is required, though arrangements can be made to pay at the door. Whether or not you can attend, you may still contribute towards the event by donating items for the silent auction that concludes the night's festivities. Items can be unique, collectible, edible... Just about anything goes! Contact [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) if you wish to donate.



**The cookbooks have arrived!** They will be for sale for the first time at Aged to Perfection. Every kitchen in our system should have one – get yours early as there are no plans to reprint. When this limited edition is sold out, that's it –

making its value far greater than what the wonderful recipes themselves are worth.

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The Board of Directors for the SELS Friends is made up of five current members of the group. Elections to this Board take place every odd year. This year three Director slots are up for election. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact us at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org). The election will take place mid-May. You must be a current SELS Friends member to run – you can check your status at <http://selsfriends.org/members.html>.

### Upcoming Events:

- **April 29th:** Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards. Register by April 22!
- **June 11th:** Book fair at Barnes & Noble/South Pointe
- **July 16th:** Private showing of the final Harry Potter movie at Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln, 9:00.
- **October 6th-7th:** NLA/NEMA Conference, Lincoln. The SELS Friends will have a table with many surprises you don't want to miss!
- **November 25th:** Book fair at Barnes & Noble/South Pointe

# Aged to Perfection 2011

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the  
**Southeast Library System Friends**

on Friday, April 29, 2011  
at the James Arthur Vineyards

**Social Hour**  
5:00 - 6:00

**Antique Check-in at 5:45**

**Dinner**  
6:00 - 6:30

**Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett**  
6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated "treasures" will follow the program.  
**Please consider donating items for this auction.**

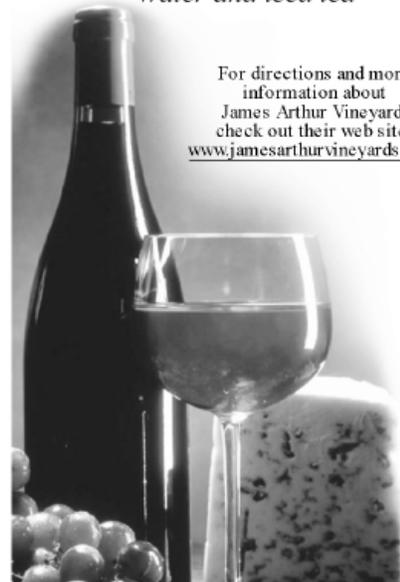


Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other beverages are also for sale.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2012 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2011 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org).

## Dinner Menu

*Chicken Salad Croissant*  
*Red potato salad*  
*Spinach artichoke dip and chips*  
*Lemon bars and "Killer" brownies*  
*Cubed cheese and crackers*  
*Fruit tray*  
*Water and iced tea*



For directions and more information about James Arthur Vineyard, check out their web site: [www.jamesarthurvineyards.com](http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com)



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 22, 2011:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends  
 233 South 5th Street  
 Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$15 at the door and no dinner will be included.

## As Contract Ends, Corrections Librarians Bid Brenda A Fond Farewell



Brenda recently completed a 3-year contract with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

(NDCS). As a part of accreditation, NDCS is required to have a Masters librarian available as a resource for Corrections' Libraries. That's provided Brenda and SELS with a great opportunity to get to know those librarians on a professional and personal basis – and a new respect for the unique and often complicated roles they play in serving incarcerated individuals in Nebraska. We'd like to recognize and thank the Corrections Librarians for the important work they provide as librarians in correctional settings.

- Sam Shaw, NDCS Library Coordinator and Nebraska State Penitentiary Librarian, received his MLA degree from the University of Missouri in December 2010. Congrats, Sam!
- Kay Brown, Librarian – Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility
- Paddi Hughes, Librarian – Tecumseh Correctional Center
- Kay Kronberg, Librarian – Nebraska Correctional Center for Women
- Jane Licklider, Librarian – Diagnostic & Evaluation Center
- Denise Morton, Librarian – Omaha Correctional Center
- Janice Rihn, Librarian – Lincoln Correctional Center

## Crete Public Library Outreach Program Bridges Age Gap



As part of Crete Public Library's outreach program in the community, children from the elementary school visited residents at Garden Square on April 1. They viewed the tulips they

had planted with the residents this past fall, and then they read books together and completed a craft. Outreach Services Librarian Carol Aden and Youth Services Librarian Laura Renker frequently bring these two age groups together for a fun and rewarding program.



## A Morning with John M. Cole in Plattsmouth

by Stacey Ewing

John M. Cole, author of *While America Sleeps: An FBI Whistleblowers Story*, spoke and answered questions for well over an hour on Saturday, March 19, to a welcoming crowd of 28 guests. Mr. Cole is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. He spoke about his book and his experiences while working for the FBI. Afterwards, Mr. Cole signed copies of his book. Patrons also enjoyed an array of Mystery Cupcakes supplied by the staff along with coffee and punch.



# News Around the System



## Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Hosts Successful “Wine and E” Event



The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries held a very successful fund raising event in support of technology in Lincoln libraries on March 31st. Over 200 tickets were sold along with lots of advance sponsorship pledges. Several great items were donated

for the auction, including a flip camera, a Nook reader, and wine. The event was hosted by comedian Juli Burney. Attendees dined on artesian pizza and hors d'oeuvres and sampled wines. One of the most popular activities at the event was the E-Petting Zoo, where library staff showed the attendees how to download library eBooks on their eReaders.



## “All Aboard!” at the Health Fair

Seward Memorial Library staff passed out tickets to almost 500 people at the annual Memorial Health Care Systems Health Fair. The theme this year was “All Aboard for Health” and staff used tickets to promote a “train” loaded with health resources available in the library. Randomly marked stubs were used to give away books. Of course, the real ticket to good health is a library card which the staff emphasized as they chatted with many participants of all ages.



## News From MPLA

Let's all put Marilyn Johnson's book on our reading list: *This Book is Overdue: How Librarians and Cyberians Can Save Us All*. Marilyn was a keynote at Montana Library Association and Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) conference in Billings, Montana. Her first book, *The Dead Beat*, was about obituary writers. Then she started following librarians around, even attending library workshops on things like metadata and cataloging realia, as well as education on new technology and tools. She's been a library customer and supporter for a long time and had

several thoughts on libraries that I think are worth repeating here:

- Libraries are commercial free – so there's no doubt whose side we're on.
- If there's so many friends of libraries – why are libraries being cut?
- Where else, but libraries, are children taken seriously, as seriously as adults?



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- Librarians need to get everybody into the doors of the library. People who aren't users or haven't been in the library since college.
- Who says the library only has to be about books? A brilliant idea. (Marilyn told the story of a library opening its doors later in the evening to residents during a black out caused by a storm. The library had back-up power and was a place where

residents could access electricity during the power outage, plus get familiar with all the library has to offer.)

- Libraries: a shared community resource. The greenest idea out there.

Marilyn is a former editor at Esquire and Outside magazines, and a former staff writer for Life. She and her family live in New York's Hudson Valley. You can visit her websites at [www.thisbookisoverdue.com](http://www.thisbookisoverdue.com) and [www.marilynjohnson.net](http://www.marilynjohnson.net).

## BiblioCafe, the most wonderful breakout club of the season!

By Krystal Hicok—Tri County Media Center Student Aide

How did this incredible club even come to be? "Well it all started while bouncing ideas off of my student aide, Krystal Hicok. We just felt the need for a book loving group! So I took the idea to Mr. Uher, and it was approved just like that," explained Mrs. McCain. Choosing the name of the new club was more challenging than coming up with the idea. Some names thrown around were: McCain Café, Book Group, and Biblioteca. A little known fact is that the mascot of the club is a black cat, which was chosen at the first meeting. Now one thing remained how to get the word out about this fascinating book group. "It was an accident really. I was just messing around and I came up with this creepy sign. It got *a lot* of attention. When I realized the advertising gold I had stumbled across, I decided to turn it into a series of three posters. A couple of times I was even threatened because I would

not reveal what was coming," said Krystal Hicok. Contrary to popular belief, BiblioCafe is not a book club in the literal sense. Meaning members do not read the same book and then discuss it. Meetings are very contemporary with everyone sharing books they are reading, or have read. To get to these highly acclaimed meetings, one must bring their lunch into the Media Center. The end result is a blissful lunch period spent eating among good company and the ever quiet books. The meetings happen on the last Tuesday of every month, except for December. But wait, there's more! Members of the BiblioCafe were the first students to check out Tri County's Kindle and make suggestions about books to order for the Media Center's shelves. All of this and more compiles into the renowned BiblioCafe. There is an open door, if you are willing to open a book.

*BiblioCafé is made up of about 30 Tri-County School students from grades 7-12.*



A Meeting of BiblioCafe in Action



# News and Notes



## Campaign to Aid Cairo Libraries



In February, vandals left two public libraries in Cairo, Egypt in ruins. The collections were burned and stolen. Queens Public Library, in a partnership with

the Integrated Care Society, has launched a campaign to help these libraries get back on their feet and reopen. They are asking that other libraries and institutions link to <http://queenslibrary.org/ext/cairo/index.htm> on their homepages.

## Young Nebraskans Win Writing Competition

Young Nebraska writers will receive Letters about Literature award certificates from **Gov. Dave Heineman** on April 13, 2011 at a proclamation-signing ceremony celebrating National Library Week, April 10-18, 2011. Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program. Just under 70,000 adolescent and young adult readers nationwide in grades 4 through 12 participated in this year's Letters About Literature program—more than 450 of them from Nebraska. The competition encourages young people to read, be inspired and write back to the author who has somehow changed their view of the world or themselves.

This annual contest is sponsored nationally by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. Target sponsors Letters about Literature as part of its national reading initiative, "Ready. Sit. Read!," which is aimed at fostering a love of reading among children at an early age. Since opening its first store in 1962, Target has partnered with nonprofit organizations, guests and team members to help meet community needs. The Center for the Book was established in 1977 as a public-private partnership to use the resources of the

Library of Congress to stimulate public interest in books and reading.

The Nebraska competition is coordinated and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and Houchen Bindery Ltd. Young Nebraska writers to be honored are:

### Winners:

- **Grace Doll**, Lincoln, to Willa Cather about *My Ántonia*
- **Megan Brookhouser**, Omaha, to Jeannette Walls about *The Glass Castle*
- **Arash Hamidi**, Omaha, to Gene Luen Yang about *American-Born Chinese*

### Alternate Winners:

- **Frank Wickizer**, Lincoln, to Ernest Hemingway about *The Old Man and the Sea*
- **Grace Cai**, Omaha, to Philip Pullman about *Northern Lights* (The Golden Compass), *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*
- **Timarree Speer**, Mason City, to Beatrice Sparks about *Anne's Baby*.

The students wrote personal letters to authors explaining how his or her work changed their view of themselves or the world. They selected authors from any genre, fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. Winners were chosen from three competition levels: upper elementary, middle, and secondary school.

The Nebraska winners will be honored at a luncheon, receive cash prizes and gift certificates to Target Stores, and their winning letters will be placed in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library. They will advance to the national competition, with a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. for themselves and their parents. For more information see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

## LIS Summer Online Courses at Central Community College

May 23, 2011 – July 29, 2011

Enrollment begins April 8, 2011

### LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services, Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- History of libraries
- Types of libraries
- Technology
- Physical environments
- Library policies
- Information Databases

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [mmagee@unmc.edu](mailto:mmagee@unmc.edu)

### LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services, Heather St. Clair, Instructor

This course will include the theories, concepts and activities integral to reference:

- Resources and services in 21st Century libraries and information agencies.
- Effective use of print & digital resources
- Information literacy
- Legal & ethical responsibilities

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [hstclair@columbusne.us](mailto:hstclair@columbusne.us)

### LIBR 2490 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum, Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program.

**Prerequisites:** LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at [erica@wsld.info](mailto:erica@wsld.info)  
For information on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships, see Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

**Dee Johnson**

[djohnson@cccneb.edu](mailto:djohnson@cccneb.edu)

**402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780 extension 1418**

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Harper Collins decision to limit to 26 loans is intended to line up with the use a print book would see in a year and what they've interpreted as a typical life span with wear and tear of a popular title. HarperCollins also believes that the previous policy of no limits would end up decreasing book sales and royalties paid to authors.

Infopeople provided a webinar on April 11<sup>th</sup> — *Can eBooks Fit into the Print Book Paradigm: Publishers and eBook Lending Limits* – which you can find archived at: <http://infopeople.org/training/webinar/ebooks>. Webinar presenters responded to the following questions:

- Is there true ownership of eBooks for libraries?
- Can libraries exist without ownership of eBooks?
- What is the best access model for eBooks?
- Is there a right of first sale that applies to eBooks?

Now, before we channel all that energy towards HarperCollins – remember that eBooks are not sold outright to libraries but licensed through another vendor, such as OverDrive, who distributes and provides access to library customers. OverDrive has now drawn the ire of Kansas State Library folks. They are crying foul with a recent proposed increase in annual administrative fees that add up to a 694% in just three years. Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian, and former Nebraskan and Nebraska Library Commission employee, called the OverDrive proposal unreasonable, unsustainable and unacceptable. In fact, she's in the process of preparing a counteroffer to OverDrive. Jim Minges, Executive Director of the Northeast Kansas Library System (NKLS), another former Nebraskan and NLC staff person, advised the libraries in NKLS not to pay for additional content through OverDrive until the issue is resolved, partly

not be renewed. (*Library Journal*, April 6, 2011 – *Kansas State Librarian Goes Eyeball to Eyeball with OverDrive in Contract Talks* by Michael Kelley)

In the meantime, eBooks continue to outsell their print counterparts and the demand for that format will undoubtedly continue to grow. There were multiple sessions at MPLA/MLA on eReaders, eBooks, and iPads, and in my travel to and from Billings multiple fellow travelers of all ages taking advantage of the convenience of reading via a mobile device. So – with deference to Maurice Sendak – “Let the wild rumpus start” or perhaps let the wild rumpus continue – and stay tuned.



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Exeter Public Library
- June 17<sup>th</sup> —**DATE CHANGE**– Seward Memorial Library (Golden Sower Book Review)
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kilgore Memorial Library – York
- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pawnee City Public Library



# Call for Board Nominations



The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of people representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Four board members will

be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2011. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

## Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. Board members must have access to e-mail.

## Who Currently Serves on the Board?

**President:** Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City

**Vice-President:** Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library, York College

Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

Barbara Cornelius, Cochrane-Woods Library, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Scott Childers, UNL-Love Library

Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School

Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library

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Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center Library

Mail or email your nomination by May 2, 2011 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Librarian      Trustee      Library User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*):    Yes    No

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

# SELS Training Extravaganza

## May 19th at Beatrice High School

	Track 1	Track 2	Lab:
9:30 -10:30	Library Board Relationships	Exploring eBooks Panel Discussion	QR Codes with Scott Childers
10:45 - 11:45	Homestead Monument	Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd	Cloud Computing with Scott Childers
11:45 - 12:45	<b>Lunch</b>		
12:45 - 1:45	2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews	<i>Local Wonders</i> Book Discussion	Google with Megan Boggs
2:00 - 3:00	Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier	Trends In Library Buildings with Kent Munster	Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai

Mark the sessions you'd like to attend:

	1	2	Lab
9:30-10:30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2:00-3:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enclose \$15 registration fee for each person attending.

Registration deadline is **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Lunch is not provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRACK 1:

### *Library Board Relationships*

A conversation on the roles of library boards, including relationships with the city/village, community, elected officials and library director. Feel free to bring your questions – if we can't answer them today, we'll get back to you ASAP following the Extravaganza. This session is appropriate for directors, staff or trustees.

### *2011 ALA RUSA Reading List Reviews*

The Reference & User Services Association (RUSA) of ALA annually recognizes a Reading List of the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (suspense, thriller, adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction and women's fiction. Come listen in to this panel of readers as they book talk titles from the list of winners, short-list and read-alikes.

### *Homestead National Monument*

A session on the Homestead National Monument of America. We'll have a representative from the National Park Service on hand to share information and answer questions. The Homestead National Monument of America commemorates one of the first documented Nebraska homesteads and stands as a tribute to the waves of land-seekers who ventured west in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to take up the demanding life of the prairie farmer. In addition to the Park's visitor center, you'll find a historic log cabin typical of those in eastern Nebraska, the original Freeman school and trails that wind through the restored tallgrass prairie.

### *Grant Writing Workshop with Barb A. Baier*

Barbara Baier has worked as a grant writer, program planner and fund raiser for over 20 years. She has secured grants and developed programming in a range of issue areas, including libraries, education, family support services, environment, homeland security, firefighting, law enforcement, parks, recreation, health, micro enterprise, aging services, labor, the arts, and legal services. Recent achievements include Sunken Gardens Renovation, Rose Garden Renovation, Union Plaza, AmeriCorps, and Stimulus Funding. She has also provided consulting services to nonprofits and tribal authorities throughout Nebraska.

## TRACK 2:

### *Exploring eBooks with Megan Boggs (SML), Susan Kniseley (NLC) and Brenda Ealey and/or Jen Barnason (SELS)*

What's all this talk about eBooks? Join us for information on e-book readers, such as the one you can borrow from the Southeast Library System, information on downloadable books via OverDrive, and ideas on how you can share e-readers and ebooks with your library customers.

### *Local Wonders Book Discussion*

Local Wonders by Ted Kooser is the 2011 One Book One Nebraska selection. Come join us for a discussion about the book with your colleagues. It is suggested that you read *Local Wonders* before this session on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### *Authors & Illustrators Visit Libraries Via 21st Century Technology with Glenda Willnerd*

Looking for alternative ways to introduce authors to your readers? Come to this session to learn how to Skype with an author. This session will also include other resources to bring real live authors to your patrons via the internet without all the hassle of arranging for travel, lodging and meals.

### *Trends in Library Buildings with Kent Munster*

Kent Munster is a designer and Principal with The Clark Enersen Partners architects in Lincoln and a SELS Board member. He is a member of the library design team at Clark Enersen, working on over 50 projects during the last 15 years. Kent is a strong proponent of environmentally-friendly design and has been involved in many of the firm's LEED certified projects.

## LAB:

### *The Curious Case of QR Codes with Scott Childers*

These strange square symbols are popping up all over. This session will show you how to use your smartphone to read them, what libraries are using them for, and how you can make them for your own library.

### *Experimenting with Google with Megan Boggs*

Learn about some of the newer features Google has to offer: Realtime, Panoramio, Picnik and Voice. We'll also take a look at what's cooking in the Google Labs, the place where Google experiments live!

### *Head in a Fog about Cloud Computing? with Scott Childers*

"In the cloud" is where many computer products seem to be heading. This session will explain what that means, show some examples, and talk about why people are getting so excited about it.

### *Security and Openness Online with Aaron Alai*

Aaron Alai is a passionate scientist, inventor, and Engineering Mechanics Analyst at UNL where he is working to progress the field of Traumatic Brain Injury research. In this session, he'll speak about the notions of privacy and trust online and what we can do to keep our libraries and patrons secure without hampering access.

For four  
 mid-summer days  
 in the *peaceful beauty*  
 of a northeast Nebraska  
 landscape,  
 an extraordinary union  
 of *fresh ideas*  
 seasoned *experience*,  
 self-discovery,  
 & *sharing*  
 gives way to  
*boundless*  
*vision...*



Librarians of all types are encouraged to apply for this unique experience!

## Mentors

Outstanding library and community leaders will be mentors at the 2011 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, including practicing librarians from academic, special and public backgrounds. These leaders are knowledgeable about libraries and care about providing library service in Nebraska. They will share real-life experiences, successes, failures, joys, frustrations, wisdom, perspectives and advice. They will also facilitate discussions, give brief presentations on topics of special importance to them and schedule time to meet with participants to discuss career goals.

### 2011 Mentors

Nancy Busch  
 Francine Canfield  
 Sherry Crow  
 Brenda Ealey  
 Steve Fosselman  
 Wally Seiler  
 Kathy Tooker  
 Rod Wagner

Continuing Education Credits available: 32 Hours  
 Institute Contingent on Funding

## Facilitators

Together, Becky and John have facilitated leadership institutes in Utah, California, Alaska, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Nebraska and in Australia.

**Becky Schreiber:** For more than 25 years, Becky has been helping organizations reinvent themselves in response to customer expectations. Becky has established herself as a consultant who understands the needs of libraries and has the experience to work effectively within those systems. She is known for thorough preparation, dynamic presentation, and responsiveness to her clients. Becky has an M.Ed. in Counseling from the American University and a B.S. from Hood College.

**John Shannon:** Consulting since 1973, John's current focus is in helping his clients understand and develop their capacity to capitalize on the dynamic forces of change that are unleashed once an organization is in motion. He believes a key element in this process is the building of a critical mass of employees committed to the change; enormous gains are then possible. His clients rely on his intuitive process skills and conflict resolution. John has an M.S. in Applied Behavioral Sciences from Johns Hopkins University and a B.S. from the University of Dayton.

# 2011 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

July 10-14, 2011  
St. Benedict  
Center  
Schuyler, NE  
Beginning at 1:00 p.m.  
on the 10th  
and ending after lunch  
on the 14th

## Purpose

The purpose of the Nebraska Library Leadership Institute 2011 is to provide future Nebraska library leaders a structured professional opportunity to:

- Examine their own leadership styles in depth .
- Gain knowledge and skills needed for effective leadership in a rapidly changing environment.
- Identify their professional and personal goals.
- Develop a network of professional peers with whom they will continue to work for years to come.
- Interact with a select group of outstanding library leaders who will serve as mentors.



Following the success of the 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 Nebraska Library Leadership Institutes, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems are pleased to offer the sixth Leadership Institute. It is a four-day institute for 30 librarians from across the state who will become our library leaders of tomorrow. During the coming years, incredible socio-economic, demographic and technological changes will continue to take place and our leaders must ensure that libraries continue to serve as a key element in the state's info-structure.

## Participants

The 30 selected participants will have demonstrated:

- Outstanding leadership potential.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Successful library employment experience.
- Initiative, commitment and reasonable risk-taking.

## Requirements

All applicants must complete an application form which can be found online at any of the system web pages or by contacting your System office or:

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Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 20, 2011**. The 30 Institute participants will be notified by May 31, 2011. The tuition of \$225 from the 30 selected participants is due by June 30, 2011.

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Books are the bees which carry  
the quickening pollen from one  
to another mind.

James Russell Lowell

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